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Yesterday, in celebration of Earth Day, the producers of the Aruba International Film Festival, which will take place the first week in June, arranged a special event at Arikok National Park to involve island children in the upcoming festival and to impress them with the importance of preserving and protecting the environment.

Jonathan Vieira and Giuseppe Cioccarelli, founders and promoters of the AIFF, joined with Aruba's Minister of Culture, Social Affairs and Infrastructure, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar in presenting 100 seedlings for elementary schoolchildren to plant on Earth Day. Youngsters from De Schakel, Colegio Conrado Coronel and the International School of Aruba arrived bright and early to participate in the planting, which the Minister and park officials commended.

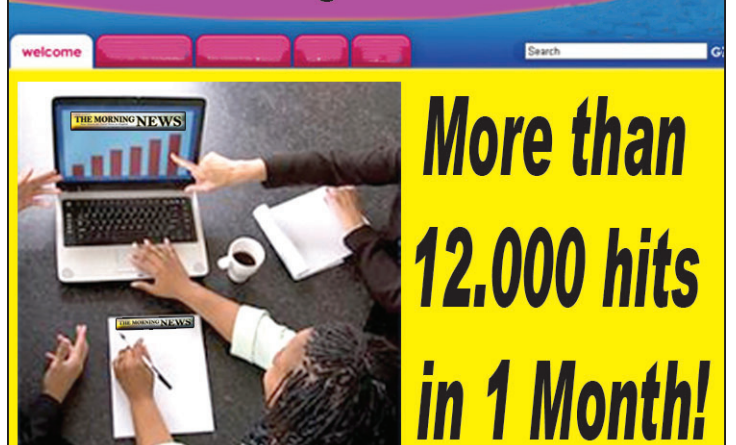
“Bringing together these various elements that contribute to Aruba's character is a natural outcome of the upcoming festival,” stated Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar.

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## Ellis Island gives Springsteen heritage award



Singer Bruce Springsteen poses with, from left, his aunt Dora Kirby, 90, mother Adele Springsteen, 85, and aunt Ida Urbelis, 87

NEW YORK (AP)— Everyone knows he was born in the U.S.A., but it was Bruce Springsteen's European immigrant roots — and his family's 110-year American dream — that were celebrated yesterday.

Accompanied by his proud mother and aunts, the rocker from New Jersey received an Ellis Island Family Heritage Award.

The Statue of Liberty-Ellis

Island Foundation, Inc. presents the award to immigrants or their descendants "who have made a major contribution to the American experience." Also honored were investment banker Peter G. Peterson; Avon Chairman and CEO Andrea Jung, and NBA All-Star Dikembe Mutombo.

"You can't really know who you are and where you're going unless you know where

you came from," Springsteen said.

Springsteen's maternal great-grandmother, Raffaella Zerilli, arrived at Ellis Island from Vico Equense, Italy, on Oct. 3, 1900, with five kids in tow.

"I docked at Ellis Island in a city of light and spires," their famous descendant later wrote in his song "American Land," a story not unlike their own.

They joined her husband, Raffaele, in Manhattan's West Village.

One of those kids, Antonio, grew up and married Adela Sorrentino. Their youngest daughter, Adele, went on to marry Irish-American Douglas Springsteen.

The Springsteens raised their three kids in New Jersey. One of them was a son.

When Bruce was 16, his mom borrowed money to buy him a guitar — an event he later chronicled in a tender tribute, "The Wish."

He taught himself how to play it — and went on to sell more than 120 million albums worldwide — including "We Shall Overcome: The Seeger Sessions — American Land," released in 2001. The title cut, "American Land," is a raucous, gritty pantheon of immigrant pluck and pride.

Adele Springsteen, now 85, went on to dance onstage with her son in New Jersey and Italy.

Her son — the self-described former high school outcast — played the Super Bowl halftime show and President Barack Obama's inauguration.

And yesterday, mother, son and aunts Dora Kirby, 90, and Ida Urbellis, 87, found themselves on the island between New York and New Jersey, in the shadow of the Statue of Liberty.

## Aruba International Film Festival continues . . .

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Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar planting a tree with the children

"I think it is an important thing to do, that the film festival, an annual event, should bring attention to Aruba's year round attractions, such as the park, and emphasis the importance of maintaining our nature. It is very forward thinking of the festival organizers to promote all aspects of Aruba, not only their event, making it part of the "big picture. I applaud their efforts."

Jonathan Vieira gave all the credit to his co-founder Giuseppe Cioccarelli, who insisted on the green initiatives for the fledgling festival, which is preparing for its world premiere on June 4. "Even though I thought it would be a bit too much for the first year, Giuseppe was adamant that we make a statement of the importance of our island environment and protecting it. Seeing all these children so excited and involved on Earth day has convinced me it was

absolutely the right thing to do," he concluded.

Diego Marquez, representing Arikok Park reminded the gathering that the "real magic will be when people can return to the park in a few years and enjoy seeing the birds and other life that will make a habitat of this area."

The trees were then planted in the Shon Shoco section near the entrance and Visitor's Center, which has been set aside as a place where groups can picnic and enjoy the surroundings.

A final treat was offered to the children by the Aruban distributors of Ben & Jerry's ice cream, a company that has long been associated with environmental protection and projects.

Organizers made sure that all the participating children made sure to properly dispose of their used cups and spoons!

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PORT-OF-SPAIN -- RBC's commitment to enabling the progress of women and minorities and their climb up the corporate ladder has earned the bank international recognition as a recipient of this year's Catalyst Award for diversity. RBC is the parent of RBTT Financial Group and RBC Royal Bank of Canada.

Today, women comprise nearly 40 percent of executives at RBC, holding 54 percent of management roles. Visible minorities account for 14 percent of executives and their representation in management roles has doubled from 13 to 26 percent in the last decade. The

global organization has diverse operations with 77,000 employees who speak over 100 languages, serving 18 million clients across Canada, the U.S., the Caribbean and elsewhere.

RBC president and CEO, Gordon M. Nixon accepted the prestigious Catalyst Award on behalf of RBC for outstanding diversity and inclusion initiatives that advance the representation and influence of women and other diverse groups in business. Catalyst is the leading nonprofit membership organization working globally with businesses and the professions to build inclusive work-

places and expand opportunities for women and business.

"Clearly, supporting diversity is the right thing to do, but it also represents incredible business potential. To ignore the value offered by huge parts of the workforce and the markets we serve would be to miss a significant business opportunity. The link between diversity and the success of a business is clearly there," said Nixon. "The question is not whether we want a diverse workforce - it's already here - but rather how to attract and develop the best talent which happens to be diverse. There's a lot of hard work required to move from simply having diversity to unleashing its full potential."

The global RBC Diversity Leadership Council, which Mr. Nixon established in 2001 and has chaired since its inception, and a growing team of diversity champions throughout RBC are part of Mr. Nixon's vision of ensuring the diversity opportunity is pursued in all parts of the company.

Zabeen Hirji, Chief Human Resources Officer for RBC, helps to drive RBC's diversity strategy with its focus on talent and workplace, clients and communities. "At RBC we've built a culture where diversity

is a core value, where we value differences and treat each other with respect. We believe that to succeed, we must harness everyone's talents and energy and apply them to achieving our common goals. Frankly, it's a win-win situation: when employees achieve their full potential, RBC wins too," said Hirji.

RBC's winning initiative includes many components to ensure employee success, including reciprocal mentoring that matches employees of different backgrounds and different levels so that they can learn about diversity from each other; specific staffing goals, coaching and development plans for women and visible minorities; and supporting Employee Resource Groups, which enable and expand the diversity discussion across the organization.

RBC has also integrated its strategies across employees, clients and communities—one feature of the company's approach to diversity that attracted the attention of the Catalyst organization. For example, a women's market strategy is targeted to women business owners with a dedicated public website and internal roles where women serve as experts for this market seg-



**Gord Nixon poses with the Catalyst Award.**

ment.

For Mr. Nixon, the Catalyst Award provides an opportunity to ignite further efforts that he hopes will drive prosperity for customers and for the bank. "I'm passionate about it," said Nixon. "We have embedded diversity throughout our business and for that we are a better company - a company that can effectively serve our diverse clients and recruit the best talent. It's one of our core values and part of what we do at RBC."



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## Mr. and Mrs. Rattner honored as Goodwill Ambassadors of Aruba



Recently, Mr. Joseph and Mrs. Amy Rattner were honored as Goodwill Ambassadors of Aruba. The Rattners have visited the island for 24 consecutive years and sometimes even three to four times a year. During the years they made many friends among the locals as well as other guests. What they like most of Aruba is the nice weather, beautiful beaches, spectacular sunsets and the culinary variety of our restaurants. But most of all they like our friendly people. Rayon Koolman, in name of the Aruba Tourism Authority, presented the Rattners a beautiful certificate, thanking them for their love and loyalty for our island. Photo shows Mr. Joseph and Mrs. Amy Rattner proudly showing off their certificate of Goodwill Ambassadors of Aruba.

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## Back Then



Soldiers in Lago Colony

People walked more. It was not that there was no bus service, or taxis or private cars; just not that many, especially for late night workers. And it was unquestionably safe to be on foot. The usual courtesy was to offer a ride whenever possible.

Toward the end of the Vietnam War, the United States government decided it would be good idea to bring the troops home more slowly for several reasons, including the fact that there were still active protests in the streets against the war. It was believed that a slower re-integration into society would be beneficial.

They arrived aboard big war ships and they began walking. The usual Aruban hospitality manifested itself: a "Marietta Moment" recalls the utter surprise on their faces when she and others stopped to pick them up and take them to various sites on the island. Big grins replaced the questioning looks as comfort set in. It became part of the daily routine.

The MPs were surprised that there was little disruption from the troops. They had expected trouble after the rigors of the war experience. One day at Manchebo Beach Resort, two young men were frolicking around the pool, much to the enjoyment of the hotel guests when a waiter dropped a large metal tray. The soldiers froze, spun around in a low crouching position, eyes darting to see where the trouble was. The hotel pool guys quietly approached them, spoke softly and suggested they all take a walk on the beach. Later, it was learned that a reporter from the States was present and wrote about the incident



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and the "healing warmth of the Aruban people."

A young marine was silently weeping in a casino one evening standing behind a roulette table. When asked what was wrong, he said that the woman in front of him reminded him of his beloved grandmother. The woman turned around and said she was indeed a grandmother and would be proud to be his grandmother as well. Smiles all around, hugs and the tears stopped.

As they walked, more visitors, mostly older men and women, began walking with them on the long stretches of the empty beaches. They reported the experience was very special and that they not only learned a lot about these men's experiences, but also how the calm environment, physical and mental, of the island and its people contributed to their well-being as well.

Perhaps one of the reasons, Arubans lived longer, is

because they walked. On Sundays, family groups and friends would walk from their neighborhood to the nearest beach for a day in sun, home-cooked favorite foods, and lots of in-the-sea games and swimming. Overheard one day, and often repeated, was the Mother who told her kids they could go swimming but could not go in the water. The kids won out, as kids will do, and showed off with great pride that they knew how to swim, albeit close to shore to keep Mother happy.

Hiking was not an organized sport as it is today through the wilds of Arikok National Park. 'Twas just a walk to enjoy the flora and fauna, explore the caves, watch with wonder at the endless number of birds of all colors and sizes above or in the sea, rocks and mammoth boulders, and breathing the clean, freshest air in the world.



## Local artists Grace Rahusen makes a generous donation to Stichting Kinderhuis Imeldahof, Aruba



Artist Grace Rahusen presenting the check to Director of Imeldahof Dynia Abath-Muller

In November, local artist Grace Rahusen held an exhibition of her work at the Frame Shop, on Italianstraat.

The gallery displayed her colorful work for a full month, and many of the canvases went to local and international collectors of contemporary art.

At the opening party, the artist generously promised to donate a percentage of sales to Stichting Kinderhuis Imeldahof, Aruba, a foster home organization for children of troubled families. Recently, Dynia Abath-Muller, the director of the home accepted a check from the artist.

"I will definitely give a donation like this again," says Grace, "when I have my next exhibition here, the recipient of the funds will perhaps be another children's charity."

And Grace reveals that one of her collectors, even added another 10% to the price of the painting, earmarking even more money to

charity.

The exhibition title Treasure – A Fusion of Art, both Historical and Contemporary, was Grace's 4th solo show.

The collection was surprisingly different from her previous work, and showed an evolutionary process of colorful and vibrant abstract pieces, building on her past achievements such as in Seascapes and Horizons & Landscapes.

The artist incorporated some ancient Indians symbols in her work carefully layering them with contemporary designs and beautiful color combinations, drawing attention to the human ability to create art despite the ongoing digital migration.

Grace's spontaneity as expressed in color is fueled by her own heart. The richness of vibrant colors and her feeling for harmonious shapes can be observed in each of her paintings, which allows them to achieve great artistic appeal.

## 'South Park' Muhammad episode airs despite uproar

NEW YORK – Comedy Central's "South Park" included a representation of the Prophet Muhammad as a character this week despite a radical Muslim group's warning that its producers could be killed.

Muhammad appeared on Wednesday night's episode of the cartoon with his body obscured by a black box, since Muslims consider a physical representation of their prophet to be blasphemous.

Last week, the character was believed to be disguised in a bear costume. When that same costume was removed this week, Santa Claus appeared.

The bear costume had angered the New York-based group Revolution Muslim, which posted a message on its website saying that producers Trey Parker and Matt Stone had insulted their prophet.



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## Loyal Aruba visitors honored as Distinguished Visitors of Aruba



Recently, Mr. Howard and Mrs. Amy Cohen, from New Jersey, were named Distinguished Visitors of Aruba. They have been visiting the island for 16 consecutive years.

The first time the Cohens came here was a year before their marriage, and stayed at the Hyatt Regency, after that they kept returning regularly and stayed at different hotels, among others the Golden Tulip, the Holiday Inn and the Americana Hotel. At present they are staying at the Costa Linda Beach Resort.

The Cohens stated they have visited different destinations around

the world and always consider Aruba number ONE. Aruba is their second home and the main reason for coming here year after year is our friendly people, hospitality and the safety on the island.

Along the years they have brought several friends and family members here for them to get acquainted with

Paradise Aruba.

During a ceremony held at the premises of Costa Linda Beach Resort, Aruba Tourism Authority liaison Rayon Koolman presented Mr. And Mrs. Cohen a beautiful certificate as a token of appreciation for their loyalty and love for Aruba. Also present were two beautiful Costa Linda associates.

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# Facebook widens reach to tailor broader Web

NEW YORK (AP) — Facebook is spreading its wings to the broader Web with new tools that will allow users to see personalized versions of websites they visit elsewhere.

The move could change the way people experience the online world, though it could come with deeper privacy implications. By accessing Facebook's tools, websites will be able to customize the experience based on the list of friends, favorite bands and other things users have shared on their Facebook profiles.

"The Web is at a really important turning point now," Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg said at a conference for Web and software developers in San Francisco. "Most things aren't social and they don't use your real identity. This is really starting to change."

It already has, with Facebook among its earliest pioneers. The world's largest online social network has long insisted, with varying success, that its users go by their real identities when they sign up for the service, offering a contrast to the culture of pseudonyms common elsewhere online.

And Facebook has sometimes transported those identities beyond its own service.

The latest changes take this a step further. It means Facebook users will be able to see a Web tailored to them based on their interests and

social connections, as long as they are already logged in to Facebook. So when visiting a news site for the first time, they could see which of their Facebook friends liked recent articles. A music site such as Pandora, meanwhile, could start playing music from the user's favorite bands.

Users will also be able to share items on their Facebook profiles without leaving the other websites, simply by clicking "like" buttons next to the news article or other items they are reading.

Zuckerberg told developers at the f8 conference that the experience will mean a more personalized, social, smarter Web.

"There is an old saying that says when you go to heaven, all of your friends are there and everything is just the way you want it to be," Zuckerberg said during his keynote, wearing sneakers and a dark sweat shirt. "So together let's make a world that's that good."

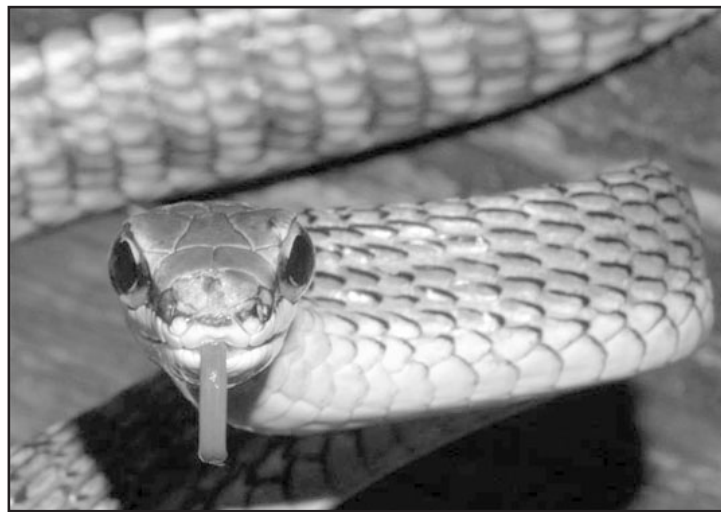
Precisely because people use their real identities on Facebook, and share things they don't want the world to know, the company's latest plans could backfire if it doesn't make it clear what it's trying to do.

"How many people are really going to want all this information about them shared?" said Greg Sterling, an Internet analyst who also writes for SearchEngineLand.com.

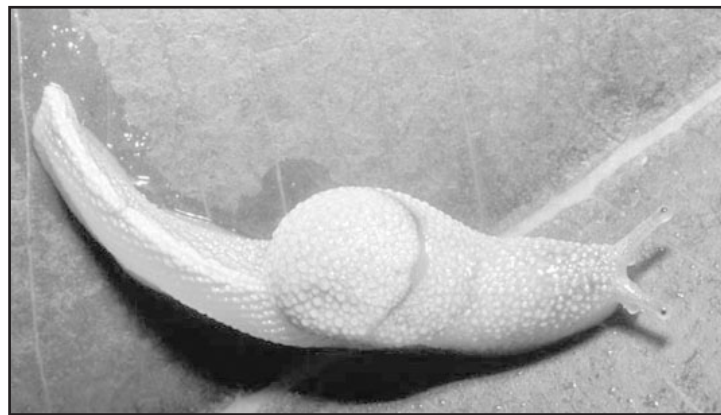
"That's the big unanswered question here."

If users embrace it, Facebook could gain valuable insights that could help it sell more advertising, potentially rivaling online ad leader Google Inc., which typically tailors ads based on keywords in search terms and Web content.

## Amorous slug, orange snake among finds on Borneo



Borneo Snake



Borneo Slug

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — A lungless frog, a frog that flies and a slug that shoots love darts are among 123 new species found in Borneo since 2007 in a project to conserve one of the oldest rain forests in the world.

A report by the global conservation group WWF on the discoveries also calls for protecting the threatened species and equatorial rain forest on Borneo, the South China Sea island that is the world's third-largest and is shared by Malaysia, Indonesia and Brunei.

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one for the next generation of researchers to contemplate," he said.

The scientists' discoveries include the world's longest known stick insect at 56.7 centimeters, a flame-colored snake and a frog that flies and changes its skin and eye color. In total, 67 plants, 29 invertebrates, 17 fish, five frogs, three snakes and two lizards and a brand new species of bird were discovered, said the report.

Borneo has long been known as a hub for monster insects, including giant cockroaches about 4 inches (10 centimeters) long.

Notable among the species discovered are:

- a snake that has a bright orange, almost flame-like, neck coloration that gradually fuses into an extraordinary iridescent and vivid blue, green and brown pattern. When threatened it flares its nape, revealing bright orange colors.

- A frog that breathes through its skin because it has no lungs, which makes it appear flat. This aerodynamic shape allows the frogs to move swiftly in fast flowing streams. Although the species was discovered in 1978, it was only now that scientists found the frog has no lungs.

- A high-altitude slug found on Mount Kinabalu that has a tail three times the length of its head. They shoot calcium carbonate "love darts" during courtship to inject a hormone into a mate. While resting, the slug wraps its long tail around its body.

The Heart of Borneo, the core island area the conservation effort targets, is home to ten species of primate, more than 350 birds, 150 reptiles and amphibians and a staggering 10,000 plants that are found nowhere else in the world, the report says.

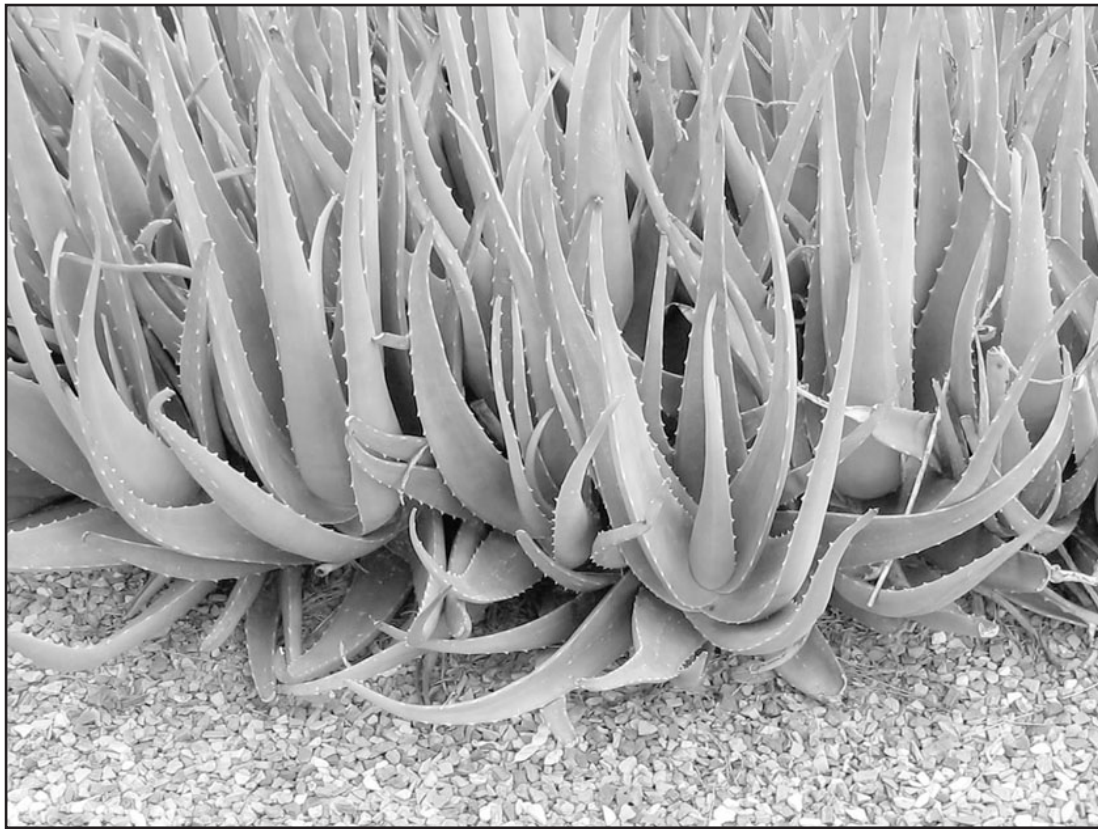


Belgium's Alexis Babusiaux poses with his invention, an innovative bottle-opener that requires only one hand to open a bottle, pour out the content and recuperate the capsule during the opening day of the 38th International Exhibition of Invention in Geneva. More than 700 exhibitors from 45 countries attend the World's largest exhibition devoted to innovation in the world.



## HEALTH

## Medicinal Uses of Aloe Vera



If you live in the warm or tropical regions of the country, you've probably seen an aloe vera plant. In fact, you might have some growing right there in your yard. They have been used for medicinal purposes for thousands of years and still are today. Though used to treat many conditions, in treating many skin conditions, the aloe vera has proven its worth time after time. Here on Aruba the aloe vera plant grows all over.

**History**

For thousands of years the aloe vera plant has been used by many civilizations for its medicinal worth. The Sumerians were considered the first to document the medicinal properties of the aloe vera plant. Papyrus documents from ancient Egypt have also been found noting at least 12 formulas aloe vera was used in. These treatments cured everything from skin disorders to other problems with the internal workings of the body. In 375 B.C., the aloe vera was widely used in India for its medicinal powers. The aloe vera is even mentioned in the Bible. Tropical regions of the world as well as Africa were places the aloe vera called home. As trading throughout the world increased, the aloe vera was transported to different regions.

**Description**

The aloe vera plant is a succulent belonging in the genus of aloes. It's a tall, spiky plant and the leaves



grow like long rosettes. These plants prefer dry, warm conditions but are basically pretty hardy. To extract the medicine from the plant, you first need to cut one of the leaves off. By removing the thin outside layer of green flesh, the gel-like interior will be exposed. This is where all the benefits are within the plant. Though some products advertise the whole plant, it's the gel-like substance that's needed for whatever symptom you're using it on.

**Skin Problems**

For centuries the benefits of the aloe plant and certain skin conditions has been known. If you are suffering a sunburn, by rubbing the gel on your affected area, the burn and chance of blistering will be relieved. The aloe vera is also used to treat cuts, minor skin infections, insect bites, itching, burns, eczema,

acne, dry skin as well as fungal infections. Many cosmetics include aloe vera in them for their healing properties.

**Other Uses**

Other than treating skin disorders, the aloe vera is used to treat many other conditions. Some of these treatments have been proved to be true, while others are still being tested. For years the juice of the aloe vera has been used as a laxative and digestive aid. Its juice is very bitter, so it's usually mixed with something else to mask the taste. Be advised that by drinking aloe vera juice, you may experience severe cramping. It's also thought that aloe vera may help the effects of colitis. Though there are no studies to prove its validity, the plant is also used to treat diabetics, ulcers and elevated blood lipids. Many people believe taking an aloe vera extract will strengthen their immune systems. In fact, dogs and cats that are fighting cancer have been given aloe vera as a immunostimulant.

**Forms**

Aloe vera can be purchased in many forms. If you grow one yourself, you'll always have the gel from the leaves ready to use as a medicine. Many cosmetics use aloe vera in the form of lotions or creams. You can also purchase aloe vera in the drink form as well as pill. It's also manufactured in salves, gels and lotions to be used to treat various conditions of the skin.

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## Study finds patients breathe easier after weight-loss

Patients who've lost weight after bariatric surgery breathe easier and take 50 percent fewer prescription breathing medications, a new study finds.

Researchers reviewed the medical records of 320 patients for one year before and after they had bariatric surgery at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. The patients filled a total of 324 prescriptions for breathing medications in the year before surgery, and 154 prescriptions in the year after surgery.

"Not only do patients breathe easier, less money is spent on prescription health-care costs," study author Dr. Naveen Sikka said in a news release. "Better quality of

life, possible reduction of chronic breathing problems, including asthma, and lower health-care costs significantly benefit patients and help to reduce the national health-care crisis."

"Some obese patients develop asthma, while others are treated for breathing problems with medications typically used for asthma. The results of this study bring us closer to determining if weight loss can improve asthma long-term," Dr. Andrew Weinstein, vice chair of the Asthma and Respiratory Disease Committee of the American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology, said in the news release.

## New form of painkiller may fight colon cancer

Adding to previous research suggesting that painkillers can reduce the risk for colon cancer, researchers report that an investigational form of the drug naproxen blocks a molecular process that leads to the disease.

Commonly known by such brand names as Aleve, Anaprox and Naprosyn, the standard form of naproxen is a generic pain medication.

Though the drug has been tested only in the laboratory, not on people, "it appears that the investigational form of naproxen we studied may be more effective than standard naproxen in inhibiting colorectal tumor development," Margie Clapper, co-leader of the Cancer Prevention and Control Program at Fox Chase Cancer Center, said in a news release from the center. "An added benefit would be the reduced gastrointestinal toxicity of this novel type of naproxen."

Researchers found that the new type of naproxen, known as NO-naproxen, appeared to block a signaling pathway that plays a role in the formation of colorectal cancer.

Based on laboratory data, "we think that NO-naproxen is much better than naproxen in nipping this whole process

in the bud," Clapper said.

The scientists are testing their finding in mice but do not yet have the results.

The study findings were scheduled to be released at the annual meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research, April 17 to 21 in Washington D.C.

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## Israeli museum unveils rare Renaissance manuscript

JERUSALEM, Israel (AP) — Experts at Israel's national museum have completed the restoration of a 15th-century Hebrew manuscript with exquisite illustrations made by master Italian artisans, officials said.

The Renaissance masterpiece is a copy of the Mishneh Torah, an important work of Jewish law written three centuries earlier by the medieval philosopher and rabbi Maimonides.

The manuscript, written on animal skin, discusses laws governing property, ritual purity and agriculture. It includes Hebrew words in gold leaf and miniature figures in colorful dress against brilliant skies of a blue shade made from lapis lazuli stones.

It took a year for a team at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem to repair the manuscript and prepare it for display, curator Anna Nizza said.

The museum has half of the original book, which was divided into two parts in the 19th century. The other half is owned by the Vatican Library.

The manuscript displayed to reporters Thursday was created in Italy just as the era of great illuminated manuscripts was drawing to a close and the art of bookmaking in Europe was being permanently altered by the advent of the printing press.

James Snyder, the museum's director, said the manuscript was produced by one of the top Renaissance workshops and is "perhaps without parallel in character."

The scribe, whose name is given in an inscription as Nehemia, was Jewish, but curators believe the craftsmen behind the illustrations were Christians working under the guidance of a wealthy Jewish family that commissioned the book. It was not uncommon at the time for Christian artisans to create ritual artifacts for Jews.

A U.S. couple bought the work from a family in Frankfurt, Germany, for an undisclosed price in 2007 and has lent it to the museum. It is slated to go on display in July.

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## Ash cloud's silver lining: bluer skies

LONDON, England (AP) — As volcanic ash cast a shadow over millions of lives, Londoners and other city dwellers across Europe were treated to a rare spectacle of nature: Pristine, blue skies brighter than any in recent memory.

The remarkable sight happened in part because mass flight groundings prevented

busy airspace from being crisscrossed with plumes of jet exhaust that create a semi-permanent haze — and other effects beyond the white contrails themselves.

Just as city lights make it necessary for us to go to the desert to appreciate the true glitter of stars, so has modern aviation dulled us to what the

noontime sky can really look like — until the erupting volcano in Iceland offered a reminder.

Without aircraft contrails, "the skies have been particularly blue," said meteorology professor Chris Merchant of the University of Edinburgh.

The clearer skies are primarily due to a high pressure sys-

tem in the region, but Merchant said the blue tone has been deeper than normal because of the lack of vapor from aircraft engines. Depending on weather conditions, the vapor trails can expand into thin cirrus clouds. It's as if somebody suddenly ripped a veil away, exposing the true colors of the heavens.



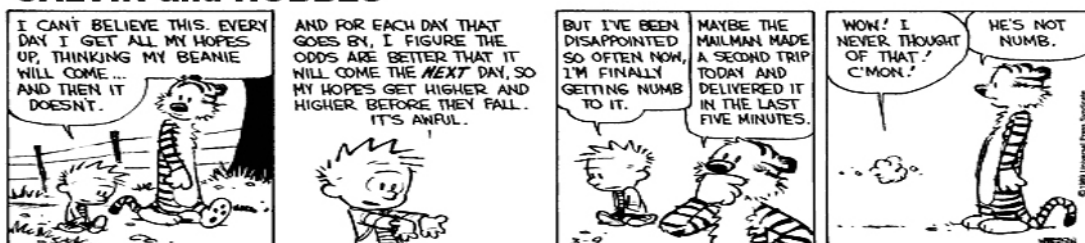
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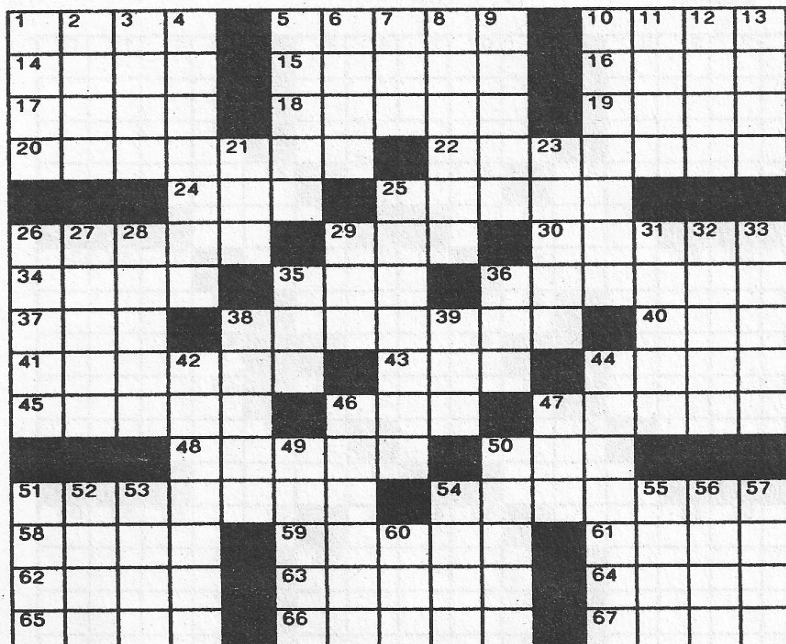
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22. Antennae
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25. — firma
26. Dollars and cents
29. Mongrel
30. Start
34. Eternally
35. On behalf of
36. Present as proof
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40. Everything
41. Main course
43. Building site
44. Egg-shaped
45. Adjust
46. Army officer: abbr.
47. Broods
48. Bartlett and Anjou
50. Disencum-ber
51. Opposite

54. Mothers and fathers
58. Bowfin genus
59. Sets of two
61. Not usual
62. Liquid measure
63. Prevent legally
64. Constant
65. Jeanne d'Arc et al.: abbr.
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8. Like better
9. Drive a car
10. Greenland's neighbor
11. Challenge
12. Arab chieftain
13. Copies
21. Spring month
23. Wear away
25. Terrapins
26. Rhythm
27. Sheeplike
28. Avian dwellings
29. Type of lettuce
31. Urbane
32. Brilliant success
33. Relates
35. Fixed charge
36. Picnic pest
38. Discourage
39. Charged atom
42. Says again
44. Requisitioned
46. — monkey
47. Evergreen tree
49. Poplar
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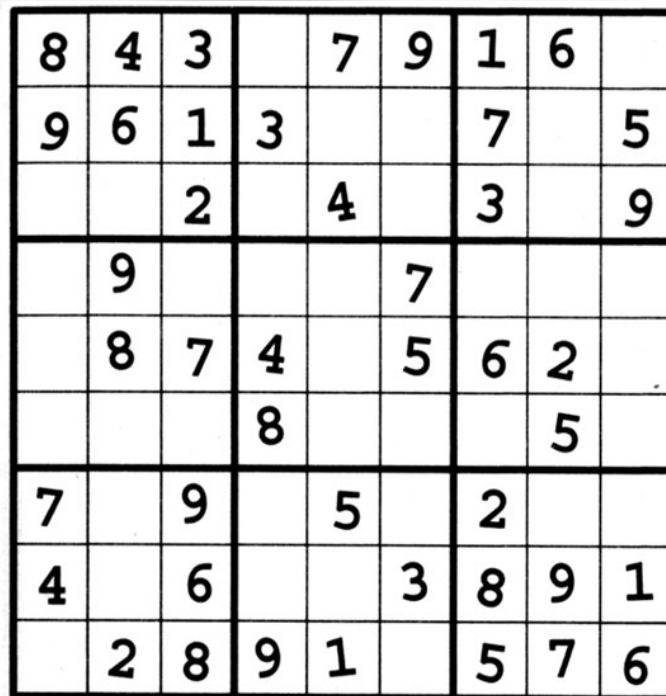
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## Greek debt crisis worsens as EU revises figures

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Markets pushed Greece closer to an expensive bailout after the EU raised its estimate of the country's budget deficit yesterday and a top agency downgraded Greece's credit rating. The twin moves caused the heavily indebted nation's borrowing costs to spike to unsustainable levels.

So far, Greece's Socialist government has insisted it prefers to tap bond markets for its borrowing requirements and avoid using a joint euro-zone-International Monetary Fund rescue package, the details of which are being hammered out in talks that began in

Athens on Wednesday.

But with investors demanding punishingly high interest rates the chances that Greece will get by without a rescue seem increasingly remote.

"Greece is in the midst of another hellish week and now faces no choice but to seek to formally activate the European rescue package," said Ben May, European economist at Capital Economics. "While this may help to ease the markets' frazzled nerves, the latest upward revision to the 2009 budget deficit highlights the mammoth task ahead."

The European Union's statistics agency Eurostat revised Greece's budget deficit in 2009 to 13.6 percent of gross domestic product from 12.9 percent, and said it could be further revised by up to 0.5 percentage points.

The level is more than four times the EU limit set for the 16 countries that use the euro, which has been badly hit by the Greek financial crisis.

Athens insisted its target of reducing its deficit by at least 4 percentage points in 2010 remained unchanged.

## Obama slams Wall Street ways while asking support

NEW YORK (AP) — President Barack Obama rebuked Wall Street for risky practices yesterday even as he sought its leaders' help for "updated, commonsense" banking regulations to head off any new financial crisis.

"Ultimately there is no dividing line between Main Street and Wall Street. We rise or we fall together as one nation. So I urge you to join me," Obama said in a high-stakes speech near the nation's financial hub. His audience included some of the nation's most influential bankers.

The president acknowledged differences of opinion over how to best protect bailout-weary taxpayers but denounced criticism from some Republicans who claim a Democratic-sponsored bill headed for Senate action would encourage rather than discourage future bailouts of huge banks.

"That makes for a good sound bite, but it's not factually accurate. It is not true," Obama said to scattered applause. "In fact, the system as it stands — the system as it stands is what led to a series of massive,

costly taxpayer bailouts." He said the overhaul legislation would put a stop to such bailouts.

Obama's speech came at a delicate time in negotiations over the Senate measure, which could be debated next week. The House has passed its own version of financial overhaul legislation. Obama did not say which one he favored but told an audience that included dozens of financial leaders "both bills represent significant improvement on the flawed rules we have in place today."

## Moody's lowers Toyota debt rating

TOKYO, Japan (AP) — Moody's Investors Service yesterday lowered its main debt rating for Toyota Motor Corp., saying the carmaker's well-publicized quality problems could hurt profits over the long term.

The rating agency cut its senior unsecured rating on Toyota from Aa1 to Aa2, with a negative outlook. The cuts also apply to a number of its subsidiaries.

Such ratings can affect how

much it costs for companies to borrow from banks and other lenders. But the world's largest carmaker said the cut was unlikely to affect its business because it still has an A-level rating.

"The ratings downgrade by Moody's is very regrettable, but with the trust of customers as our top priority, management will put in maximum effort so that the rating is raised once again," said a Toyota spokeswoman, who asked that

her name not be used due to company policy.

In addition to a series of global recalls on some of its top brands, Toyota faces at least 100 lawsuits in the U.S. for injuries or deaths attributed to sudden acceleration and is the subject of a congressional investigation.

Moody's said in a statement that the ratings cut reflected Toyota's low level of profitability, which it expected to continue until at least 2012.

## Home sales rise as unemployment claims fall

WASHINGTON (AP) — Home sales rose sharply last month and claims for jobless benefits fell last week. The two reports yesterday sketched a picture of a modestly improving economy.

Sales of previously occupied homes increased more than expected in March after three straight months of declines, the National Association of Realtors said. The housing market benefited from government incentives that drew in buyers.

Purchases jumped 6.8 per-

cent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.35 million last month, the highest level since December. The median sales price was \$170,700, nearly unchanged from a year earlier.

Some economists expect healthy sales to continue, but caution that a clearer picture of the housing market will emerge after federal tax credits expire at the end of this month.

"The spring selling season will be a success and probably the most active we've seen in years," said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Finan-

cial Services Group.

In a separate report yesterday, initial claims for unemployment benefits fell by 24,000 to a seasonally adjusted 456,000, the Labor Department said. That nearly matched analysts' estimates, according to Thomson Reuters.

The drop comes after claims rose sharply in the previous two weeks. A Labor Department analyst attributed those increases to seasonal adjustment difficulties around the Easter holiday, which falls on different weeks each year.

## US Airways ends talks with United about combo

ATLANTA, Georgia (AP) — US Airways Group Inc., the product of one combination and long the seeker of another, won't be tying up with United Airlines. The nation's sixth-largest carrier is content to remain on its own for now while United and Continental Airlines try to reach a deal.

While US Airways didn't specifically say yesterday why it ended talks with United,

Continental's involvement appears to have played a role.

"US Airways was ready to sign a deal with United when they found out United was more interested in signing a deal with Continental," said a person who was briefed on the discussions.

The person was not authorized to speak publicly, and spoke on condition of anonymity.

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## Mexico City offers bikes in its clean air campaign

MEXICO CITY, Mexico (AP) — Pedaling placidly, black-suited businessmen and women in dresses and high heels wheel shiny red bikes between growling green buses, serenaded by shrill police whistles and coughing diesel trucks, the morning sunlight filtering through yellow smog.

With its scofflaw drivers, gridlocked traffic and cobblestoned downtown, Mexico City isn't the most bicycle-friendly place. But residents were asked to take the risk for Madre Tierra as part of a larger campaign that leaders hope will clean up this 700-year-old metropolis.

This spring the city launched Ecobici, installing 1,100 bikes at 85 stations throughout the center of the city. In its first three months, 4,000 people have paid \$24 for user cards they swipe at a rack to release a bicycle for a half-hour. City officials hope to register 24,000 people in the first year.

With 50,000 trips taken to date through Mexico City's harrowing streets, city officials are delighted with the results: zero accidents, zero thefts.

Introduced in Europe in the 1960s, bike sharing has evolved from a few, informal programs when do-gooders put free bikes out on city streets to high tech systems now used in dozens of cities from Shanghai, China, to Santiago, Chile.

One of the largest is in Paris, where three reported fatalities early on and more than 7,500 thefts led to some serious concerns. But Paris pressed on, opening more bike stations and educating drivers; now studies show the 115,000 bike trips a day have significantly eased traffic.

Ecobici is part of Mexico City's 15-year Plan Verde, a \$1 billion-per-year program supported by Mexico's federal government, the World Bank and the United Nations.

The plan includes a new, energy efficient bus system, once-a-week no-drive days for all cars, and subway system improvements. Every Sunday, 16 miles of downtown streets are closed to car traffic, allowing cyclists and pedestrians to

safely cruise their city. Parks are staying open later and rooftop gardens being installed.

Here's how the Ecobici system work: Users can check out a bike for 30 minutes at a time. They return it to any of the bike stations, and 10 minutes have to pass before they check out another one. If a bike is kept out longer than a half hour, small fees start to accrue. The bikes have adjustable seats, and they come with lights that go on automatically when ridden and have small racks to hold purses or groceries.

A 15-minute bike commute can burn 11 pounds of fat a year, reducing the risk of heart disease as much as 20 percent, according to SmartBike, which builds Ecobicis for about \$700 each in Oslo, Norway. In addition, it says, commuting cyclists are less exposed to air pollution than commuting motorists, and just one person switching from driving to cycling to work for a 6-mile trip each way saves 1.3 metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions a year.

That said, every Ecobici user interviewed, said they are gravely concerned about drivers who don't follow rules that allow cyclists to have their own lane. They told of near misses with buses, aggressive drivers leaning on their horns, cars on sidewalks, cars going the wrong way on one-way streets, virtual mayhem at traffic circles.

City leaders do plan to add designated bike lanes, and thousands more bikes as well. They say they have no choice.

The capital and its suburbs face grave ecological challenges. With more than 20 million people and 6 million cars, the metropolis sprawls across a valley surrounded by 16,000-foot peaks that trap contaminants for days.

Yet Plan Verde is paying off. There were 333 days in 1990 that had ozone levels high enough for health warnings. Last year there were 180 days above normal — still too many, but a marked improvement.

## Earth Day: No more burning rivers, but new threats

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pollution before the first Earth Day was not only visible, it was in your face: Cleveland's Cuyahoga River caught fire. An oil spill fouled 30 miles of Southern California beaches. And thick smog choked many cities' skies.

Not anymore.

Yesterday, 40 years after that first Earth Day in 1970, smog levels nationwide have dropped by about a quarter, and lead levels in the air are down more than 90 percent. Formerly fetid lakes and burning rivers are now open to swimmers.

The challenges to the planet today are largely invisible — and therefore tougher to tackle.

"To suggest that we've made progress is not to say the problem is over," said William Ruckelshaus, who in 1970 became the first head of the Environmental Protection Agency. "What we've done is shift from the very visible kinds of issues to those that are a lot more subtle today."

Issues such as climate change are less obvious to the naked eye. Since the first Earth Day, carbon dioxide levels in the air have increased by 19 percent, pushing the average annual world temperature up about 1 degree Fahrenheit, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

"We've cleaned up what you can see and left everything else in limbo," said Kathleen Rogers, president of the Earth Day Network.

Improvements took shape in the form of the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act and changes in the way businesses treat the environment, said Denis Hayes. Those reforms, he added, grew out of the first Earth Day, an event Hayes helped coordinate.

"It is the most powerful, sweeping, society-wide change America has had since the New Deal," Hayes said. "The air is cleaner despite the fact that we have twice as many vehicles traveling twice as many miles."

Nancy Sutley, head of the White House Council on Environmental Quality, said progress in the past 40 years is about more than just laws. It's also about innovation that made cleaner cars. And that innovation, Sutley said, "is going to be the answer for tackling climate change."

No place illustrates progress more than the Cuyahoga River.

Cleveland's main river used

to periodically catch fire. On June 22, 1969, trash and an oil slick ignited. The river burned for half an hour, drawing national attention to water pollution nationwide.

People didn't swim in the river at the time, and anyone who fell in needed to be checked by a doctor.

"The river bubbled like a cauldron. There were all kinds of chemicals in there, and that was what was bubbling at the bottom," said Wayne Bratton, a boat captain then and now, and the first president of the Cleveland Harbor Conservation Committee.

On Tuesday, Wayne Bratton was aboard his boat, The Holiday. He looked over the starboard side at Collision Bend and described by telephone what he saw: "I'm looking at a lot of gulls, there's a loon, a lot of black heron."

People now fish in the river, which holds 60 species. There's a spiffy amphitheater on the river bank, which never would have been built when the water had a dreadful stench, Bratton said.

It's not just the Cuyahoga. In 1957, the Public Health Service declared the Potomac River unsafe for swimming. Now Rogers lets her children swim in it.

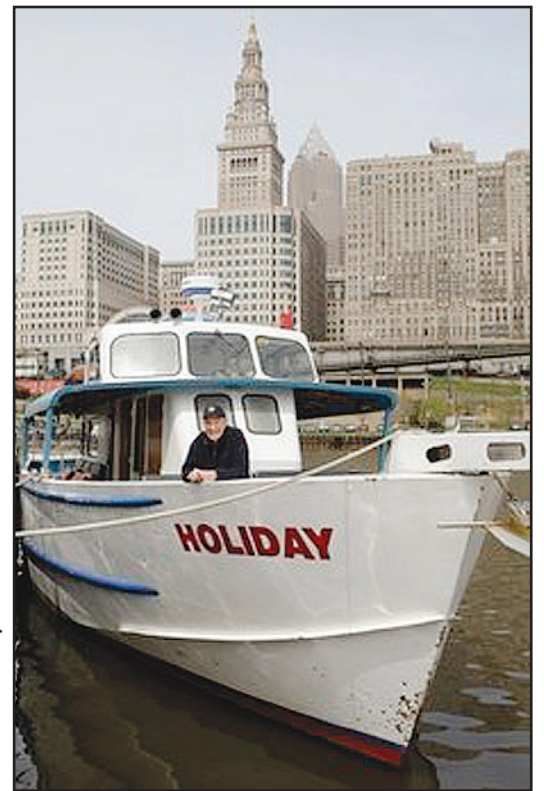
"I don't even wash them off any more," she said.

In Los Angeles in the 1960s and 1970s, the joke was that if you moved in during the summer you wouldn't notice the nearby mountains until the winter. Now peak smog levels are only one-third as high as 40 years ago, he said.

"Unfortunately, it leads some people to think that we don't have a problem any more," said Sam Atwood, spokesman for the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

The region still has 6,000 yearly premature deaths linked to unseen tiny particles in the air that cause heart and lung problems, Atwood said.

In 1970, Ruckelshaus said, about 85 percent of pollution was from places like factories



Wayne Bratton poses on his tour boat, 'Holiday' docked on the Cuyahoga River

or power plants that the government could regulate. Now such sites account for only 15 percent, with most pollution coming from sources like farms that are harder to control.

That makes fixing the remaining problems politically difficult, said Russell Train, chief environmental adviser in 1970 to President Richard Nixon.

"Back in the '70s, people felt the threat of environmental mistakes and misbehavior," Train said. "There was a real threat to your health and people knew that. Today, people will accept that as a general principal, but don't feel any immediate threat from climate change or indirect source pollution from farmers."

Last month was the hottest March on record worldwide. It was 1.4 degrees warmer than March 1970, according to NOAA.

The average temperatures for the last 40 years are higher than the rest of the 130 years of record-keeping, said Deke Arndt, head of climate monitoring at NOAA's National Climate Data Center.

And, this week, German scientists published an analysis in the scientific journal Nature that says the greenhouse gas agreement reached by some international leaders last December in Copenhagen would lead to a 10 to 20 percent increase in carbon dioxide levels in 2020.

That puts "in dire peril" chances for limiting the effects of warming, the researchers said.



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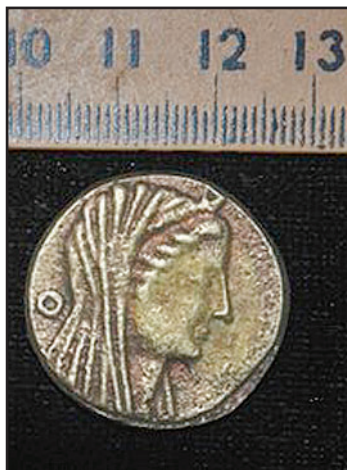
## Egypt finds hoard of 2,000-year-old bronze coins

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Archaeologists unearthed 383 bronze coins dating back to King Ptolemy III who ruled Egypt in the 3rd century B.C. and was an ancestor of the famed Cleopatra, the Egyptian antiquities authority announced Thursday.

The statement said one side of the coins were inscribed with hybrid Greek-Egyptian god Amun-Zeus, while the other side showed an eagle and the words Ptolemy and king in Greek.

Founded by one of Alexander the Great's generals, the Ptolemaic Dynasty ruled Egypt for some 300 years, fusing Greek and ancient Egyptian cultures.

The coins were found north of Qarun lake in Fayoum Oasis 50 miles (80 kilometers) southwest of Cairo.



Other artifacts were unearthed in the area included three necklaces made of ostrich egg shell dated back to the 4th millennium B.C. and a pot of kohl eyeliner from the Ottoman Empire.

The objects will all be displayed in the new Egyptian museum under construction near the pyramids of Giza.

## French Muslims torn over potential veil ban

PARIS, France (AP) — Muslims in the Arab world are incensed and Muslims in France are walking a delicate line after President Nicolas Sarkozy pushed for an all-out ban on full Islamic veils.

"Ridiculous" and "misplaced," said a Muslim vendor at an outdoor market in a working class, ethnically mixed Paris suburb. "Racist," said a Sunni Muslim cleric in Lebanon.

The rector of the Muslim Institute of the Paris Mosque, however, held off on harsh criticism, saying only that any ban should be properly explained, and noting that the Quran does not require women to cover their bodies and faces.

Sarkozy upped the stakes Wednesday in France's drive to abolish the full veil, ordering a draft law banning them in all public places — defying France's highest administrative body, which says such a ban risks being declared unconstitutional.

Such a measure would put France on the same track as Belgium, which is also moving toward a complete ban amid fears of radicalism and growing Islamic populations in Europe.

Sarkozy says such clothing oppresses women and is "not welcome" in France. French officials have also cited a concealed face as a security risk.

France's top government official for family issues, Nadine Morano, said the conservative government wants to "break this dynamic of invasion of burqas in our country."

While France has western Europe's largest Muslim population, only a tiny minority of Muslim women in France wear the burqa, which has only a mesh screen for the eyes, or niqab, which leaves a slit for the eyes.

"France is addressing a very strong message. It is a message on an international level to women. How can we explain that while women are fighting in Afghanistan for their freedom, for their dignity, in France we accept what they are fighting against?" Morano said on France-Info radio Thursday.

Abdel Halim Laeib, a market vendor in Livry-Gargan northeast of Paris, is worried that outlawing the veils would inflame tensions in a nation



Jan. 12, 2010, file photo shows Faiza Silmi, a 32-year-old Moroccan, walking on the street in Le Mesnil-Saint-Denis, 38 kilometers (24 miles) southwest of Paris.



struggling to define its modern identity.

"I find it totally ridiculous," he said. "Every person has the right to practice their religion, in whatever way they want to. Personally, it doesn't bother me if someone wears the full veil, like a woman who can wear a miniskirt, or a low-cut top where we can see her breasts."

"I find it very misplaced," he said. "I am a Muslim and I think that unfortunately we have a very negative image."

Dalil Boubakeur, rector of the Paris Mosque, had a cautious response Thursday. "Muslims in France ... are respectful of national law," he said, but added that any law should allow "a reasonable period for education" about what the law is for.

Muslim countries, too, have struggled to deal with the niqab. Egypt's top cleric recently decreed that Muslim women should not wear the niqab inside offices but he said they can wear it in public.

In Lebanon, Sheik Maher

Hammoud, a Sunni Muslim cleric in the southern city of Sidon, called the French actions racist.

"Whenever Islamic thought and culture clashes with Western democracy, racism rears its head and under various names," he said. "Muslims do not need lessons from Sarkozy or anyone else to teach them about human rights or the rights of women."

In Damascus, Mohammed Habash, Syrian lawmaker and head of the Center for Islamic Studies, said "such decisions only serve to encourage Islamophobia." Given the small numbers of women in France who wear the niqab, he said, "I don't think this constitutes a security or cultural threat."

"This does not bode well for the relationship between Islamic countries and Western governments," he said.

France drew similar criticism when it outlawed Muslim headscarves and other "ostentatious" religious symbols from classrooms in 2004.

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## Thunder's Brooks named NBA coach of the year



Head coach Scott Brooks R) of the Oklahoma City Thunder receiving the Red Auerbach Trophy as the 2009-10 NBA Coach of the Year

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Back when the Thunder were 3-29 last season, the notion of the playoffs coming to Oklahoma City any time soon was unimaginable.

But it was that same miserable stretch that made general manager Sam Presti confident that coach Scott Brooks was the right man to lead his team into the future.

While Oklahoma City struggled to the worst start in the NBA, Presti was impressed by the way Brooks stayed the course and never tried to force immediate changes in hopes of making the Thunder better. He

has now taken the youngest roster in the league and turned the team into a 50-game winner and a playoff team just one season after the horrendous start.

For that best-in-the NBA turnaround, Brooks was recognized Wednesday as the NBA's coach of the year. He received 71 of 123 first-place votes and 480 points to finish ahead of Milwaukee's Scott Skiles (26 first-place votes, 313 points) and Portland's Nate McMillan (9, 107).

"He's someone that I think is incredibly consistent as a person. He is unaffected

through adversities and also through successes, and I think that's an important quality we want to have as we move forward," Presti said.

Even as he was receiving a statue of Red Auerbach, Brooks faced another daunting turnaround: an 0-2 deficit in the Thunder's best-of-seven series against the defending champion Los Angeles Lakers, led by Kobe Bryant and coach Phil Jackson.

"This is the first-time playoff experience for a lot of us, including myself, and you're playing against one of the best coaches of all sports, one of the best players ever and a team that has 1,000 (games of) playoff experience to ours," Brooks said. "But you learn from playing against the best players and the best teams, and we're going to keep fighting and figuring out ways to beat them."

## Wimbledon champions to earn \$1.54 million each

WIMBLEDON, England (AP)—The winners of the men's and women's singles titles at this year's Wimbledon tennis tournament will each earn a record \$1.54 million.

The All England Club said Tuesday it has increased the winners' prize money by \$231,348 to help offset the decrease in the value of the British pound against the dollar and euro.

The increase means that the men's prize money has doubled over the past 10 years.

"We need to offer prize money that is commensurate with the prestige of the tournament and competitive in the market," All England Club chairman Tim Phillips said. "It shows the championships are successful and I think it shows we care about the players."

Total prize money will be \$21.1 million, an increase of 9.4 percent from last year.

Last year's US Open purse was \$21.6 million, with the men's and women's singles champions taking \$1.6 million.

Income for 2010 may dip slightly with the daily capacity down from 40,000 spectators to 37,500 because of the closure for redevelopment of No. 3 Court and the opening of a larger No. 2 on an area formerly occupied by two courts.

## NBA playoffs



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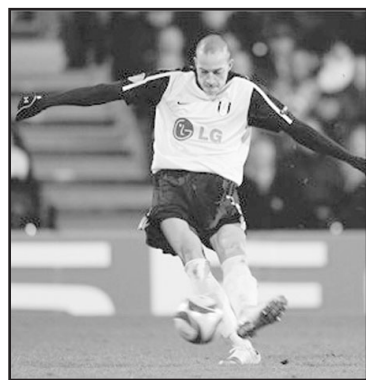
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## On the road to 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa

### Ruud backs Zamora for England



**Zamora**

Ruud van Nistelrooy of The Netherlands has tipped Bobby Zamora to gatecrash England's 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa™ squad. The Fulham striker has found the net against the likes of Juventus, Wolfsburg and Shakhtar Donetsk to help the Cottagers into the last four of the UEFA Europa League, where they played Hamburg in the first leg last night.

Zamora has 19 goals to his name so far this season, which is by far his biggest haul since he first made the step up to top-flight football in 2003. His

ability to hold the ball up and eye for goal have led some to call on Fabio Capello to give the 29-year-old a chance to test himself at international level ahead of the world finals.

Time is running out for Zamora, though, with Capello due to name his 30-man provisional squad on 16 May. The former Tottenham Hotspur and West Ham United player's burly physique would make him an unfashionable choice for some but Van Nistelrooy, w believes he deserves a chance.

"I think Capello doesn't look at fashionable things - he just looks at the effectiveness more than anything else," said the Dutchman, who spent five successful seasons at Manchester United. "He's definitely a candidate now. He's very important for the team."

"He holds the ball, he's a team player, works hard and he's an all-round striker. He has proven himself on a European level, which is also very important for him. Getting

through against these teams and scoring goals in these games, it makes him more attractive for Capello."

**Huge hurdle**

After spending much of his three-and-a-half-year spell at Real Madrid either out of favour or on the treatment table, Van Nistelrooy decided to move to Germany on an 18-month contract in January. He admitted he came close to returning to the Premier League during the last transfer window, though, with Tottenham, West Ham and Fulham all interested in signing him.

"I was in serious negotiations with Spurs and here from Hamburg," Van Nistelrooy explained. "They were the two that in the end were there. I had a very good conversation with (Tottenham manager) Harry Redknapp."

"We couldn't agree terms though. Tottenham only offered me a six-month contract. For me that wasn't ideal with a family to get over there for six months."

### Smeltz: We won't be daunted

Key New Zealand striker Shane Smeltz harbours ambitions of qualifying for the knockout stage at the 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa™ despite the Kiwis being considered underdogs in the eyes of many. If the All Whites are to make history, it is likely that in-form goal-getter Smeltz will play a pivotal role.

After a slow start to his career Smeltz has hit rare form in recent years, with a brace against Wales in a 2007 international friendly the high-water mark of both his club and national team career.

The productive form continued unabated with the All Whites, as Smeltz picked up successive Oceania Player of the Year titles over the last two years, as well as being named New Zealand Footballer of the Year. He scored an impressive eight goals in five South Africa 2010 qualifiers in Oceania.

**Grand plans**

Having ended a 28-year wait to reach the world's greatest football stage, Smeltz - born Germany to an American

father and British mother - and his colleagues are eager to make the most of the opportunity, refusing to be daunted by the rarefied atmosphere that will be South Africa 2010. The New Zealanders have been drawn into Group F alongside world champions Italy, hard-nosed South American qualifiers Paraguay and European hopefuls Slovakia.

"We certainly could have drawn a harder group, but of course there are no easy games in the World Cup," Smeltz told FIFA.com.

We played against Italy in the lead up to the Confederations Cup [South Africa 2009] and I scored against then," says Smeltz of a 4-3 loss against the Azzurri last year. "We put on a good show and though we lost we take some confidence from that. We will certainly not be daunted playing against Slovakia, Paraguay and even Italy."

"It would be a dream to score in a World Cup and hopefully get the right result for my country as well."



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## Juan Antonio Samaranch mourned in Barcelona service



The coffin of the late former International Olympic Committee president Juan Antonio Samaranch is carried by Spanish athletes as it leaves the cathedral during his funeral in Barcelona, Spain, yesterday. Samaranch died Wednesday at age 89 in the Quiron Hospital in his home city of Barcelona of cardio-respiratory failure three days after being admitted with heart problems.

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — The coffin holding former IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch, draped with the Olympic flag, was wheeled into the Catalonia state headquarters Thursday to the sound of the Olympic hymn.

Samaranch was remembered in a private ceremony watched by the Spaniard's family and a host of international figures and dignitaries. The building was then opened to the public before the funeral later in the day.

Current International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge said Samaranch made the Olympics "the premier sporting event in the world."

"We've come from the four corners of the world to say farewell to an old friend and great man," Rogge said. "Juan Antonio Samaranch was the most influential president after our founder Pierre de Coubertin."

The 89-year-old Samaranch, who was president of the IOC from 1980 to 2001, died on Wednesday from heart failure.

With the Barcelona native's son Juan Antonio Samaranch Jr., daughter

Maria Teresa, partner Luisa Sallent and other family members — including all seven grandchildren — watching with about 100 others, Rogge paid tribute to a "generous, compassionate man."

"Behind a great man there is a rich personality. He was a man of few words but each of these words would resonate loudly and were always meaningful," said the Belgian, who succeeded Samaranch. "He has left a great legacy. And I pledge in the name of the International Olympic Committee that we shall preserve and perpetuate his legacy and his heritage."

"On behalf of the Olympic movement I would like to express my warm condolences to the family — you have lost a beloved father and grandfather; Spain has lost an illustrious son; the Olympic movement has lost a leader, a mentor and a friend."

Crown Prince Felipe called Samaranch a "colossal figure" in Spanish sports and a "universal" figure in world sports.

"Merci pour tous," Rogge wrote in French, meaning "Thanks for everything."

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## NCAA to expand March Madness from 65 to 68 teams

INDIANAPOLIS — The NCAA has decided not to mess around too much with March Madness.

College sports' largest governing body announced a 14-year, \$10.8 billion deal with CBS and Turner Broadcasting on Thursday that will begin with an expanded men's basketball tournament next March. But instead of jumping to a 96-team field, a possibility that drew criticism from bracket-obsessed fans to coaches, the NCAA plans to expand by only three teams, from 65 to 68.

Every game will be broadcast live nationally for the first time in the tournament's 73-year history.

Striking a balance was a challenge for NCAA officials.

The previous television deal, which gave CBS Sports the broadcast rights for \$6 billion over 11 years, would have expired in three years. Both sides had opt-out clauses that had to be exercised by July 31 and the NCAA was preparing to do just that. The hope was to create a bidding war and strike a lucrative deal, generating more money for NCAA payouts to schools.

CBS Sports won the war, beating out at least an offer from ESPN. What's new is that CBS will share broadcast rights with Atlanta-based Turner Broadcasting System Inc. and its stable of cable channels — TNT, TBS and truTV — from 2011 through 2024.

The NCAA won, too: Isch

said the new deal will provide an average of \$740 million per year that will be returned to conferences and schools.

During a news conference at the Final Four, NCAA vice president Greg Shaheen was hounded by questions about how many more classes players would miss to play in additional tourney games. College basketball analysts often called the 65-team format the perfect size, suggesting more teams would water down the tourney. Some coaches, whose jobs often hinge on tourney appearances, even rejected the notion that adding so many teams was a good thing.

Well, the NCAA apparently got the message as did the networks.